

***John Temple Graves
Announces Hearst
Plan
To Back Slaton
for the
Senate or Vice
President***

(From The Pittsburgh (Pa.) Leader.)

That the action of former Governor John M. Slaton, of Georgia, in commuting the Death Sentence of Leo M. Frank, convicted of the murder of Mary Phagan, the 15-year-old Atlanta, Ga., girl, which resulted in bitter condemnation of the former Governor by many Georgia Citizens, will redound for his betterment and ultimately will result in three or four months, in a Boom of Country-Wide proportions for Slaton as Democratic Candidate for the Vice Presidency of the United States, was the Statement made today by Colonel John Temple Graves, of Georgia and New York, Chief Editorial Writer of the Hearst Publications.

Colonel Graves arrived in the City to participate in the Dedication Exercises of the new Pittsburgh Press Club late this afternoon.

Colonel Graves discussed at some length the Frank Murder Case and asserted that in his opinion, former Governor Slaton was not condemned by the better thinking people of Georgia. "There isn't a Hamlet in the United States, but where the Frank Case has been discussed, together with the action of the Former Governor Slaton in commuting his Sentence in defiance of mob hostility," said Colonel Graves. "Nine-tenths of the people outside of Georgia regard Slaton as a Martyr to his Convictions of Duty. The people love a Martyr, and he will have enormous support all over the Country. I predict that within the next three or four months, there will be a Country-Wide Boom for Governor Slaton as running mate of President Wilson next year."

"Governor Slaton and William R. Hearst have been closely attached for some years, and Mr. Hearst's Publications have supported him in his politics during the past," remarked Colonel Graves. "It is likely that the Hearst Publications would view with favor the candidacy of Governor Slaton for the Vice Presidency."

Colonel Graves said that Governor Slaton had intended being a Candidate for the United States Senate for the place now filled by former Congressman Hardwick, who is filling out the term of the late Senator Bacon.

"With the change in sentiment that comes with the loving of a Martyr by the people," declared Colonel Graves, "Governor Slaton, in my opinion, could be elected to the United States Senatorship in Georgia, but the Vice President Boom will come ahead of that and will sweep over the entire United States."
